

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01620-CKK**

FIX THE COURT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Assigned to: Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/10/2018
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/10/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5578844) filed by FIX THE COURT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(France, Elizabeth) (Entered: 07/10/2018)
07/10/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by FIX THE COURT (France, Elizabeth) (Entered: 07/10/2018)
07/10/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. (zjd) (Entered: 07/10/2018)
07/10/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zjd) (Entered: 07/10/2018)
07/11/2018	<u>4</u>	ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 07/11/2018. (DM) (Entered: 07/11/2018)
07/16/2018	<u>5</u>	WITHDRAWN PURSUANT TO NOTICE FILED 7/24/2018..... MOTION for Preliminary Injunction by FIX THE COURT (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Declaration, # <u>3</u> Exhibit A to Roth Declaration, # <u>4</u> Exhibit B to Roth Declaration)(France, Elizabeth) Modified on 8/7/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 07/16/2018)
07/16/2018	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Danielle Wolfson Young on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Young, Danielle) (Entered: 07/16/2018)
07/16/2018	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Elizabeth J. Shapiro on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Shapiro, Elizabeth) (Entered: 07/16/2018)
07/16/2018	<u>8</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Katherine M. Anthony, :Firm- American Oversight, :Address- 1030 15th St NW, B-255, Washington, DC 20005. Phone No. - 2028973918. Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number 0090-5589254. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by FIX THE COURT (France, Elizabeth) (Entered: 07/16/2018)
07/16/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received Plaintiff's <u>5</u> Motion for a Preliminary Injunction. The Court has arranged a teleconference on the record with the parties on JULY 17, 2018, at 10:00 AM , to discuss the status of the FOIA request at issue and to identify a briefing schedule for Plaintiff's <u>5</u> motion. The Court requests that the parties call Chambers, preferably via the same telephone line. The Court also has received Plaintiff's <u>8</u> Motion for Admission <i>Pro Hac Vice</i> , with respect to Katherine M. Anthony. Plaintiff's <u>8</u> motion is GRANTED CONTINGENT upon Ms. Anthony's submission of a declaration by JULY 23, 2018 , stating that she has reviewed and is familiar with the Local Rules of this Court. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on July 16, 2018. (lcckk1) (Entered: 07/16/2018)

07/16/2018		Set/Reset Hearings: Telephone Conference on the record set for 7/17/2018 at 10:00 AM in Chambers before Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. (dot) (Entered: 07/16/2018)
07/17/2018	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/12/2018. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/11/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 7/16/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 7/16/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(France, Elizabeth) (Entered: 07/17/2018)
07/17/2018	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Declaration in Further Support of Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Katherine M. Anthony by FIX THE COURT (France, Elizabeth) (Entered: 07/17/2018)
07/17/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The Court held a teleconference on the record with the parties on July 17, 2018, regarding Plaintiff's <u>5</u> Motion for a Preliminary Injunction. The parties agreed that the Government's current process of assembling documents potentially responsive to the FOIA request at issue and indicating the rate at which it can process those documents should obviate the need for further briefing of Plaintiff's <u>5</u> Motion. With the parties' consent, the Court sets the following expedited deadlines for Defendant's response to the merits of Plaintiff's FOIA case. Defendant shall file a Status Report identifying the number of potentially responsive documents at issue by JULY 23, 2018, at 5:00 PM . Defendant shall provide Plaintiff with further information regarding Defendant's anticipated rate of processing, proposed schedule for production, any intention of interagency consultation, and any expected claims of exemptions by JULY 24, 2018, at 12:00 PM . The parties shall confer and submit a Joint Status Report by JULY 24, 2018, at 5:00 PM , with their joint proposed plan for review and release of the documents at issue. The Court shall HOLD IN ABEYANCE Plaintiff's <u>5</u> Motion pending further order of the Court. The Court also notes that at least one counsel for each party that appeared in the teleconference on July 17, 2018, had not previously entered an appearance in this case. The Court instructs each such counsel to enter an appearance on the docket. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on July 17, 2018. (lcckk1) (Entered: 07/17/2018)
07/17/2018	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Austin Ridgely Evers on behalf of FIX THE COURT (Evers, Austin) (Main Document 11 replaced on 7/17/2018) (ztd). (Entered: 07/17/2018)
07/17/2018	<u>12</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Rebecca Michelle Kopplin on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Kopplin, Rebecca) (Entered: 07/17/2018)
07/17/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: The parties shall confer and submit a Joint Status Report by JULY 24, 2018, at 5:00 PM, with their joint proposed plan for review and release of the documents at issue. (dot) (Entered: 07/17/2018)
07/17/2018		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly: Telephone Conference held on 7/17/2018. (Court Reporter Lisa Edwards.) (dot) (Entered: 07/17/2018)
07/23/2018	<u>13</u>	First STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Young, Danielle) (Entered: 07/23/2018)
07/24/2018	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Shapiro, Elizabeth) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
07/24/2018	<u>15</u>	ORDER. Defendant shall comply with the processing and production schedule set forth in this Order. The parties shall submit a Joint Status Report not later than OCTOBER 1, 2018 . Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on July 24, 2018. (lcckk1) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
07/24/2018	<u>16</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION by FIX THE COURT re <u>5</u> MOTION for Preliminary Injunction (France, Elizabeth) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
07/24/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/1/2018. (dot) (Entered: 07/26/2018)

08/10/2018	<u>17</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Exhibit, # <u>3</u> Exhibit)(Young, Danielle) (Entered: 08/10/2018)
09/18/2018	<u>18</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by Danielle Wolfson Young (Young, Danielle) (Entered: 09/18/2018)
10/01/2018	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Young, Danielle) (Entered: 10/01/2018)
10/09/2018	<u>20</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by Rebecca Michelle Kopplin (Kopplin, Rebecca) (Entered: 10/09/2018)
10/09/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received the parties' <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, which indicates that Defendant completed its processing and productions and that "the parties are working on resolving the matter without judicial involvement." Accordingly, the Court adopts the parties' proposal that they file a further Joint Status Report by NOVEMBER 30, 2018 , indicating the status of their efforts to conclude proceedings in this case. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on October 9, 2018. (lcckk1) (Entered: 10/09/2018)
10/09/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/30/2018, indicating the status of their efforts to conclude proceedings in this case. (dot) (Entered: 10/10/2018)
11/30/2018	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Young, Danielle) (Entered: 11/30/2018)
12/04/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received the parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, which again indicates that "the parties are working on resolving the matter without judicial involvement." The Court shall permit the parties additional time for Plaintiffs' review of a draft <i>Vaughn</i> index provided by Defendant and for the parties' discussion of any remaining objections that Plaintiff might have. Accordingly, the Court adopts the parties' proposal that they file a further Joint Status Report by JANUARY 31, 2019 , indicating the status of their efforts to conclude proceedings in this case. If this matter is fully resolved sooner, then they shall promptly notify the Court. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on December 4, 2018. (lcckk1) (Entered: 12/04/2018)
12/04/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/31/2019, indicating the status of their efforts to conclude proceedings in this case. (dot) (Entered: 12/04/2018)
01/31/2019	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Young, Danielle) (Entered: 01/31/2019)
01/31/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received the parties' <u>22</u> Joint Status Report, which again indicates that "the parties are working to resolve the matter without judicial involvement." The Court shall permit the parties additional time for their exchange of questions and responses, and their discussion of any remaining objections that Plaintiff might have. Accordingly, the Court adopts the parties' proposal that they file a further Joint Status Report by MARCH 28, 2019 , indicating the status of their efforts to conclude proceedings in this case. If this matter is fully resolved sooner, then they shall promptly notify the Court. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on January 31, 2019. (lcckk1) (Entered: 01/31/2019)
01/31/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/28/2019, indicating the status of their efforts to conclude proceedings in this case. (dot) (Entered: 02/01/2019)
03/25/2019	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Young, Danielle) (Entered: 03/25/2019)
04/01/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received the parties' <u>23</u> Joint Status Report, which again indicates that "the parties are working to resolve the matter without judicial involvement," but that "[t]he parties have significantly narrowed the number of issues remaining in dispute." The Court shall permit the parties additional time to confer regarding remaining issues. Accordingly, the Court adopts the parties' proposal that they file a further Joint Status Report by no later than MAY 28, 2019 , indicating the status of their efforts to conclude proceedings in this case. If this matter is fully resolved sooner, then they shall promptly notify the Court. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on April 1, 2019. (lcckk1) (Entered: 04/01/2019)

04/01/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/28/2019, indicating the status of their efforts to conclude proceedings in this case. (dot) (Entered: 04/02/2019)
05/28/2019	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FIX THE COURT. (Anthony, Katherine) (Entered: 05/28/2019)